

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 22-51 remain pending in this application. Based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objection

The drawings are objected to for failing to show the joystick recited in claim 30. Claim 30 has been amended to delete any language referring to a "joystick." As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the drawing objection.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 30 stands rejected under §112, second paragraph, "because the electrical pulse generator does not comprise a joystick." Claim 30 has been amended to remove any reference to a "joystick." Thus, Applicant believes that claim 30 is definite, and as such, respectfully requests withdrawal of the §112 rejection of this claim.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §102

Bradley

Claims 1, 2, 22, 23, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0093134 ("Bradley"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, since the subject matter that the Examiner cited in Bradley as anticipating the claims was derived from co-inventor Kerry Bradley, as evidenced in the attached Declaration of Kerry Bradley Under 35 U.S.C. §1.132.

Thus, Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 22, 23, and 26 are not anticipated by Bradley, and as such, respectfully request withdrawal of the §102 rejection of these claims.

Mouchawar

Claims 27-29, 31-33 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,738,668 ("Mouchawar"). Without acquiescence that Mouchawar qualifies as a §102(e) prior art reference, and without prejudice to antedate this reference should it become necessary, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, since Mouchawar does not disclose each and every element of these claims, as amended.

In particular, independent claim 27 has been amended to require the system to comprise a lead carrying a plurality of electrodes configured for being placed along a spinal cord. In contrast, each of the leads 32, 34 disclosed in Mouchawar carry a single electrode 40, 42. Thus, Applicant submits that independent claim 27, as well as the claims depending therefrom (claims 27-29, 31-33, and 35), are not anticipated by Mouchawar, and as such, respectfully requests withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of these claims.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (949) 724-1849.

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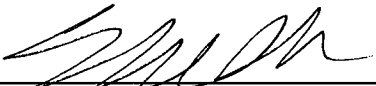
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